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**REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 11, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following reply, constituted by an editorial revision to the specification, amendments to the claims, and accompanying remarks urging the patentability of the claims. (This reply is being filed on October 10, 2007, along with a petition for a one-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

**AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.